

Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School  
School Advisory Council/School Advisory Forum Joint Meeting  
**Minutes - May 6, 2025**

**Members: Quorum Met.** Paola Belidor, Sofia De Los Santos, Philippe Jean-Bart, Gerald Lopez, Andrea Nguyen, Neeta Rancourt, Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez, Bevlyn Sagon, Tammy Triolo, Sandra Welch, Rochelle Williams, Nicole Willis

**Attendees:** Daniel Bond, Brian Bush, Cathy Castelli, Hallema Collier, Debbie Evangelista, Jennifer Jennings, Laila Jones, Vicky LaPorte, Simeka Love, Rhonda Matos, Rebecca Miller, Brian Norris, Jim Payne, Millie Puddie, Felicia Starke, Logan Whitaker

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School Advisory Council was held in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College on May 6, 2025. Chair Commissioner Sandra Welch called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. Nicole Willis will record minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

Philippe Jean Bart motioned to amend the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes to state the request for School Accountability Funds to be transferred to School Recognition Funds in the amount of \$388.72 to cover A+ Recognition Bonus for an Ashe Security Staff member who was omitted from the original distribution of funds : Rochelle Williams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Sofia De Los Santos motioned for approval the minutes of March 4, 2025, with the corrections. Philippe Jean Bart seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introductions (*Commissioner Sandra Welch*)
2. Approval of Minutes (*Commissioner Sandra Welch*) - Sofia De Los Santos motioned to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded by Philippe Jean-Bart.
3. SAC Fund Balance (*Cathy Castelli*) – The current balance is \$1502.87.
  - a. Ear Buds for Reading Class (\$416.39) – Sofia De Los Santos motioned to approve. Seconded by Philippe Jean Bart. Motion was approved unanimously.
  - b. Florida Teens Read Books (\$655.64) – Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez motioned to approve. Seconded by Sofia De Los Santos. Motion was approved unanimously.
  - c. Non-Fiction Books to Not Exceed (\$430.84) – Hallema Collier motioned to approved. Seconded by Sofia De Los Santos. Motion was approved unanimously.
4. SAF Update (*Tammy Triolo*) – Herff Jones is the vendor for this year’s caps and gowns. Jostens is the vendor for the class rings.
5. SIP Update (*Cathy Castelli*) – Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3) testing will take place this week. Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2) scores have already been met.
6. Director’s Comments (*Neeta Rancourt*) – Graduation will be held on May 29, 2025. It will be a joint ceremony for high school and adults students. A grant has been submitted for dual enrollment (AIT/ Main Campus, PCA /Dave Thomas Education Center. The award amount is between \$400,000 to \$500,000. An early admission initiative was launched, and a very good response was received. The award is a \$1000 scholarship for high school seniors. Over 100 students have applied for opportunities beginning in August and January.
7. FY 26 Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School Budget) – *Neeta Rancourt* – Provided an overview of the *projected 2025-2026* school budget. Funding decisions were made carefully due to the current legislative process. The session has been extended until June 6, 2025. There will be no positions cut at ATC. Enrollment is projected to be 496 students for 9-12 grades. Postsecondary enrollment is

7962.57. The largest enrollment is in the apprenticeship department. The total projected allocation is \$29,684.020. The grand total is \$38,227.994 including fringe benefits and other funding. *Vicky LaPorte* – Provided review of course additions (core and electives) for the 2025-2026 school year. *Sofia De Los Santos*, high school representative, explained the benefits of the addition of the Research elective. The School Accountability funds are not expected for the new school year as in the past. The School Recognition Funds award process will start at the beginning of the year.

8. Student Comments

- a. *Sofia De Los Santos (Student Government Association)* – BCPS Days Capitol Trip- Students met with Florida legislators and officials to learn about government policies and procedures. Swim Central – Ms. Kelly continues to assist new swimmers and has included the use of a GoPro camera in order for students to see their form. Senior Class – Prom sells have ended, and event materials are in the process of being ordered.
- b. *Paola Belidor (Machining Technologies)* – The students visited Pompano Precision in April. Several students have attained internships and permanent employment. Students participated in the SkillsUSA state championships and competed in various categories.
- c. *Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez/Andrea Nguyen – Web Development*- The students have completed the introduction for the graduation video. *Network Support Services* – Students are studying for certification exams. *Database Application and Development*– Learning SQL and other languages.
- d. *Gerald Lopez* – Students will be starting their clinical assignments. EKG students are preparing to take the certification exam.

9. Assistant Directors' Updates

- a. *Vicky LaPorte – Testing* – Provided a review of the SAT testing percentages for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade. Additional exams are scheduled such as Advanced Placement, Progress Monitoring 3, End-of-Course Exams, Florida Civics Literacy Exams, senior exams, and industry certifications. *Awards and Successes*- The enrollment is full for the upcoming Freshmen class. A magnet Senior was named Best-In-Class Senior one of five district-wide. The student has also had perfect attendance since kindergarten. Students from ATC attended the One Blood luncheon to honor their hard work in making the blood drives a success. The Supervisor of Elections office held a voter registration drive sponsored by the Teen Political Forum. The drive resulted in 184 new registrations. Senior Signing Day will be held on May 6, 2025.
- b. *Brian Bush* – HOSA elected the officers for next year. CODA visited for accreditation of the Dental Assisting program. Medical Coder and Hemodialysis students have started clinical assignments. The other programs are preparing for the certification exams. The first round of Practical Nursing NCLEX scores have been received. 100% of those who attempted to exam passed.
- c. *Dr. Tammy Clabo* – No report at this time
- d. *Brian Norris – Culinary Arts* – The students catered the Annual Congressional Art competition at Nova and also toured the FIU Culinary Arts program in April. *Business and Information Technology* - Forty BPA students are eligible to compete in the National Leadership Conference in early May. Medical Administrative Specialist students toured Broward Health Medical Center and spoke with staff and industry members. The Web Development program hosted the president and owner of SoFla Web Studio. *Office of Student Affairs*- Counselors led CTE sessions at Community Schools South. *TIE (Transition into Employment)* – April was Autism Acceptance Month. Some students had their artwork on display at Artists with Autism event held at Festival Flea Market. NBC6 interviewed the participating artists. TIE student, Kennedy, displayed her artwork during the SAC/SAF meeting. The Center of Autism and Related Disabilities donated \$500.00 for use towards the purchase of bus passes.
- e. *Jean Vilus (James Payne)*- AGE has an enrollment of 515 students. Wells Fargo recently awarded a \$5000 Florida Literacy Grant towards a financial literacy program for students. One of the PN cohorts completed the program and held a pinning ceremony on April 23, 2025. Fifteen PCA complete the program on May 2, 2025, and registered to sit for the Certified Nursing Assistant exam.

10. Best Practices in Inclusive Education (BPIE) – *Debbie Evangelista*- Provided a review of survey and the following suggestions were submitted: 1) Increase the number of magnet teachers in attendance in IEP meetings. 2) Increase technical teacher knowledge of the support for students with disabilities.

Approved 9.30.25

11. Business and Economic Development Update (*Nicole Willis*)- Spring Career Fair 2025 was well attended with 80 companies registered to attend. The Career Fair Prep Sessions held before the event were of benefit to the students. The event featured Professional Profile Pics, and interview and application centers. Reports of positive outcomes have been received from students and employers. ATC continues to participate in community partners focused on education attainment and economic development.
12. Business Highlight – No highlight at this time.
13. SESIR Update (*Brian Bush*) – No incidents to report.
14. Announcements (*Commissioner Sandra Welch*) – Commended staff and students for jobs well done.
15. Adjournment (*Commissioner Sandra Welch*) – See below.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Sofia De Los Santos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 AM. Motion seconded by Tammy Triolo. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Nicole Willis, Secretary

Approval

Date: 9.30.25

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